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SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, take cargo to Liverpool, London, and Havre, via the Canal.

Rates of Fare for Passengers.

To Liverpool via Suez Canal—1st class £60; 2nd class £35. } Exclusive of Wines.
To Suez—1st class £40; 2nd class £22 10s.
To Trieste (exclusive of Transit)—1st class £36; 2nd class £24.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Leonard & Sons, Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

In accordance with the above, the Steam-ship NEERA, Tons 2,000, Captain Conway, will be despatched to Liverpool, on or about 7th February 1871.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 6th December 1870.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Saturday, the 17th December, at 3 P.M., from Marazon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. MALTA, (1,942 tons, and 500 H. P.,) Captain E. J. Baker, will leave for Port Said, Suez, and Brindisi, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through for Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Genoa, Naples, Barcelona and Havre, Liverpool, or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Marazon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and delivered prior to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

SUEZ CANAL.

The MALTA will proceed to Southampton VIA the CANAL, calling at ALEXANDRIA.

BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Company's Steamers now run to and from Brindisi instead of Marseilles.

REDUCED PARCEL RATES.

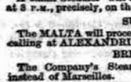
A considerable REDUCTION has been made in the TARIFF of CHARGES for SMALL PARCELS to ENGLAND, &c., particulars of which can be learnt on application at this Office.

Parcels will in future be received up to noon on the day of sailing.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 10th December 1870.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.



THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. BEHAR, (1,728 tons, and 300 H.P.,) Captain W. Blake, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 22nd December, leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking Passengers and Cargo for Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 20th instant.

Henry, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 8th December 1870.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To sail on or about 18th instant.)

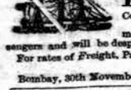
THE s.s PARAGUAY, 1,170 tons register, W. G. Williams, Commander.

This Steamer has very superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and will be despatched hence as above.

For rates of Freight, Passage, and further particulars apply to W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 30th November 1870.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.



THE favorite steamer HISTORIAN, Captain Tuttos, 1,753 tons Register, 250 H.P., (Messrs. T. & J. Harrison's Line), will sail about the end of the month, and has accommodation for about 12 First-class Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To Suez	£ 36
Port Said	38
Liverpool	50

} Exclusive of Wines, &c., which can be had at moderate rates on board.

Apply to WALLACE & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 3rd December 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE

(via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA (in case of need), and MARSEILLES.

LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION VAPEUR.—MARC FRAISSINET PERE and FILS will DESPATCH STEAMERS MONTHLY from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL.

Fare, &c.—The Company undertake to grant through Bills of Lading for the above, and most other Continental Ports and also to Liverpool. They have further made arrangements to forward Cotton at a through rate from Bombay to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.

Freight on Goods shipped to Europe to be payable at destination.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped to the Continent by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles 1 per cent.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15	£ 8
„ Suez	£ 40	£ 23-10	£ 8
„ Port Said	£ 42	£ 24	£ 9
„ Marseilles	£ 56	£ 36	£ 14

Without food.

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

The Company issue Return Tickets available for six months, deducting 20 per cent from the cost of the Return Passage.

The Steamers carry both Doctor and Stewardess.

Departures from Marseilles on the 1st and from Bombay about the 7th of each month.

In accordance with the above, the s. s. EUROPE, 3,500 Tons, Captain Marvino, will be despatched on or about the 7th January 1871.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 17th November 1870.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY,

(VIA SUEZ CANAL).

Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co.'s ITALIAN MAIL STEAMERS.

THE new English-built Steamer ARABIA, Captain Chicco, 2,000 Tons, now on her way out, will be despatched from Bombay on or about the 15th December.

FOR GENOA,

Calling at ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, NAPLES, and LEGHORN.

The ARABIA has very superior accommodation for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Passengers.

PASSENGER RATES,

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
To Aden	32	15	4
„ Suez	36	18	5
„ Port Said	38	24	9
„ Alexandria	39	32	9-10
„ Messina	45	32	12
„ Naples	47	35	13
„ Leghorn	50	34	14
„ Marseilles with transhipment at Genoa	52	35	14-10

Including Wines. Without Food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Passengers are allowed to break their voyage at any of the above Mediterranean Ports, and to resume it by any of the Company's Steamers to the port of destination marked on their Tickets.

Passengers returning within 6 months of their departure from Bombay by the Steamers of the Company are entitled to a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Fare.

Berths may be secured in advance by depositing half the Passage Money.

For Prospectus, Rates of Freight and further particulars apply to VOLKART BROTHERS, Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 1st December 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees per Ship HOOGLY, arrived from Calcutta, are requested to DESPATCH BOATS to take delivery of their respective Goods; otherwise they will be landed by the Captain, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Bombay, 7th December 1870. W. NICOL & Co.

SHIPPING.

BRINDISI STEAMERS.

CARRYING HER MAJESTY'S INDIAN AND CHINA MAILS HITHERTO SENT VIA MARSEILLES.

ADRIATICO ORIENTALE COMPANY.

UNDER ARRANGEMENT with the English POST OFFICE authorities, the Mail hitherto sent by the P. & O. Steamers via Marseilles, will be despatched by the Steamers of the Adriatico Orientale Company from Alexandria to Brindisi until the end of the war. This route being now the regular Mail line, becomes the safest as well as the most expeditious route for passengers.

The undersigned are prepared to issue THROUGH TICKETS from ALEXANDRIA to BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, NAPLES, ROME, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, TURIN, SUSA, VERONA, CAMERLATA, MILAN, and PARIS.

Steamers leave Alexandria on the arrival of the Mail from Bombay.

The passage from Alexandria to Brindisi occupies only three days, and the through journey to London about 140 hours, making a saving over other routes of about 48 hours.

On arrival at Brindisi of the weekly fast Steamer from Alexandria, an Express Train is run by the South Italian Railway en route for London, via Ancona, Bologna, Milan, the Bremen Pass, Munich and Frankfort to Dover, THUS AVOIDING THE SEAT OF WAR.

RATES OF FARE FROM ALEXANDRIA.

1st Class. 2nd Class.	1st Class. 2nd Class.
To BRINDISI...Rs. 110 Rs. 80	To ROME.....Rs. 123 Rs. 89-8
„ VENICE ... „ 123 „ 88	„ PARIS..... „ 206 „ 156-8

For rates to other towns apply to

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.,

Bombay, 29th October 1870. Agents.

CHEAP PASSAGE TO EUROPE.

STEAM TO TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE AUSTRIAN LLOYDS Steamer ORESTE will be despatched from BOMBAY to TRIESTE on or about the 21st December. This Steamer has good accommodation for 60 Cabin Passengers. Rate £40. For Freight or Passage apply to

A. C. GUMPERT & Co., Agents for the Austrian Lloyd.

Bombay, 2, Ash Lane, 9th December 1870.

FOR ADEN, HODEIDA, AND JEDDAH.

THE Steamer NEERA, 2,500 tons, will sail for the above Ports on or about 29th December. For Freight or Passage apply to

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 17th November 1870.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship WENNINGTON, Captain H. Davis, from Liverpool, are requested to SEND OFF BOATS immediately to take delivery of their respective Goods; failing which, they will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the consigned.

Captain Davis will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it has once left the ship's side.

EWART LATHAM & Co.,

Agents Ship Wennington.

Bombay, 5th December 1870.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear:—

REQUIREMENTS.

½ Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1 Rug with straps.
½ „ Under Vests.	1 Mand.
1 „ Linen Collars.	1 Hair Cushion.
1 „ Fine Cotton Socks.	1 Hand Portmanteau.
1 „ Fine Merino Socks.	2 Overland Trunks.
1 „ Fine Merino Drawers.	1 Clothes Bag.
½ „ Colored Handkerchiefs.	1 Travelling Hat.
1 White Cambric.	1 Courier Bag.
1 Overland Suit.	1 Easy Chair.
2 Sleeping Suits.	1 Umbrella.
2 Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1 Pair of Brushes.
6 Scarfs and Ties.	Ladies' Overland Trunks.

Return Fares.—First Class Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival from England, and *vice versa*, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

Bombay. BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT and COMPANY.

No. 5, Forbes Street.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and richly Open Carved Blackwood Household Furniture, best Plated Glass and Crockery Ware, &c., at Marine Lines, Esplanade.

On WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of Major-General Tremenheere.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

Catalogues will be published, and the property on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of Unserviceable Stores, Office Furniture, &c., at the Mazagon Dockyard.

On SATURDAY, the 17th instant, at 10 A.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the above-named place, by order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, the unserviceable Stores, Office Furnitures, &c., the same comprises Writing Tables, Office Chairs, Presses, American Clocks, Cheapaths Couches, Pigeon Holes, Hanging Punkhas, Copying Press on stand, Folding Screens, Bookshelves, sets of Gang Tables, Pick Axes, Galvanized Buckets, Paint Brushes, Iron Crowbars, Brass Cocks, coupling Hose, casks of Portland Cement, Files of sorts, Cast Iron Fountains, Hose Iron, Hammers, Gas Pipes, Screw Spanners, Bellows, Forge, a large quantity of Tiles, Bricks, Doors, Rafters, Poles, white fine dressed Coorla Stones and sundry other articles.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 13th December 1870.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL COMPANY.

OVERLAND CARGO.

The s. s. ELLORA, from Suez, has brought the Cargoes of the following steamers:—

ACCELERATED CARGO, Ex

s. s. BANGALORE, from Southampton, 12th November.
„ DELTA, from Marseilles, 19th November.

UNACCELERATED CARGO, Ex

s. s. NURLA, from Southampton, 30th November.
„ ILLYRIAN, from Liverpool, 9th November.

G. F. HENRY,

Superintendent P. & O. S. N. Company.

Bombay, 12th December 1870.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Application has been made to the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, on its Ecclesiastical Side, by EDULJEE CURSETJEE SACKLOOTHWALLA, of Bombay, Parsee Inhabitant, for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of his Father, the late CURSETJEE JAMASJEE SACKLOOTHWALLA, of Bombay, Parsee, deceased, being granted to him as the Sole Executor appointed by the said Will. All Persons concerned are apprised thereof.—Dated at Bombay this 12th day of December 1870.

KHUNDERAO MOROBJEE,

Applicant's Proctor.

FARM of MUNICIPAL TOLLS and TAXES, AHMEDABAD.—TENDERS will be received for the above up to the 15th January 1871 by the undersigned.

Particulars on application to the Secretary, Ahmedabad Municipality.

No reason is assigned for the rejection of, nor does the Municipality bind itself to accept, any Tender.

A. A. BORRADAILE,

President Municipal Fund Committee, Ahmedabad.

NOTICE—WANTED, a STOREKEEPER, a SUBNESS and two CARKOONS, for the Office of the Executive Engineer, Aden. The salary of the Storekeeper is Rs. 65 per mensem, and that of Subness and Carkoons Rs. 45, 40, and 35, respectively, with Rations.

The Storekeeper will have to furnish a Security.

Application to be made on or before the 20th instant to

KAHANDAS MUNCHARAM,

Executive Engineer's Office, Aden, Residency.

Executive Engineer's Office, Bombay, 12th December 1870.

ORANGE QUININE WINE,

Either unmixed, or diluted with Iced Sodawater as an ordinary beverage, is an agreeable and useful preventive of ague, low fever, and periodic disorders of similar type.

Single Bottles, each, Cash Rs. 1; Credit Rs. 1-4,
Double „ „ „ 2; „ „ 2-8.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited).

GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS AT THE BROACH AND AKOLA EXHIBITIONS 1868.

GOLD KEYLESS HUNTERS and SEMI-HUNTERS, Plain or Engine-turned Cases. Rs. 225.

FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

LADY'S small GOLD HUNTERS, Enamelled and Jewelled Cases. Rs. 150.

FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

SILVER KEYLESS HUNTERS, 1st quality, Patent Lever, extra finished. Rs. 100.

FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

SILVER HUNTERS, Patent Lever, 3/4 plate, in strong good Silver Cases, Engine-turned, very serviceable, warranted for two years. Rs. 50.

The same Watch, Keyless. Rs. 70.

FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

OFFICE CLOCKS, Patent Lever, Octagon or Round, imitation Walnut, 8-days, with Bell. Rs. 25.

FAVRE, LEUBA & Co.

THOMAS D. MARSHALL'S LADIES' BOOTS, beautifully made and moderate in price. The 1870 Illustrated Catalogue with particulars of special and convenient arrangements for Indian Residents, post free to India. Prepared Kid Walking Boots, Elastic or Button, Fancy Toes, Military Heels, 16s. 6d. New designs in Enamelled or Glove Kid, for Grand or Promenade, 21s. Elastic House Boots, soft mock kid or Satinette, 5s. 6d. Orders should be accompanied by pattern boot or paper form of sole the size required, and Remittance and "Bank of England."

THOMAS D. MARSHALL,

122, Oxford Street, London, W.

JOHN MOIR and SON, Purveyors by special appointment to H. R. H. DUKE OF EDINBURGH, Preserved Provision Manufacturers and Export Oilmen, ABERDEEN, Established 1629,

Would direct the attention of the public to the quality of their various preparations—Soups, Essence of Beef, Fresh and Collared Salmon, Salmon Cutlets with Indian Sauce, Red, Pickled and Kippered Herrings, Findon Haddocks, Lobsters, Oysters, Sardines, Calf's Head Brawn, Condensed Milk, Cocoa and Milk, Chocolate and Milk, Salt Butter, Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Potted Meats, Scotch Jams, Jellies and Orange Marmalade, Confections, Sauces, Vinegars, Capers, Olives, Oils, Pickles, Baking Powder, Flavouring Essences, Table Jellies and Creams, Tart Fruits, &c., &c.

J. M. & S. are sole proprietors of the Aberdeen Pickles and Duke of Edinburgh Sauce.

NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that RAGOO JAIRAZ CEASED to be a PARTNER in the Firm of Messrs. DEWA GUNGADHUR and Co. on the 25th day of October 1870.

DEWA GUNGADHUR & Co.,
THUCKER RAGOO JAIRAZ.

NOTICE.—The CREDITORS of Messrs. ATKINSON & Co., of Dhollera, are requested to MEET at the Royal Hotel, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, 14th day of December 1870, at 3 o'clock P.M.

JOHN W. SCOTT,
Attorney for Wm Atkinson.

TAPTEE BRIDGE.—DESIGNS and TENDERS received by the undersigned up to January 15th, 1871. For further particulars apply to W. SOWERBY, Esquire, Local Funds Engineer, Surat.

T. C. HOPE,
Collector and President Local Fund Committee.

12th October 1870.

ALL PERSONS having CLAIMS against the ESTATE of the late Captain JAMES DUCAT, of the Bombay Staff Corps, Assistant Commissioner, Central Provinces, Belaspore, will be good enough to forward the same to the under-signed before the 1st proximo. All Persons or Firms indebted to the Estate will be good enough to communicate at once with

W. BLAKENEY, Major,
22nd Regiment N. I., Commandant,
President Committee of Adjustment.

NOTICE.—TENDERS are invited by the undersigned for the STRIPPING, CAULKING (up to metal time), and re-sheathing (not including cost of metal, but including all other materials, dock rent, labour, and attendant expenses), of the ship LOUISA, expected to arrive in Bombay shortly. A separate estimate is also required for simply Docking and Un-docking, Shoring and Un-shoring the ship, examining and patching the metal of the said ship, including dock rent, but not including cost of metal. Full particulars may be obtained on application to the LONDON, ASIATIC, and AMERICAN COMPANY, Limited.

Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 7th December 1870.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

FIRST and SECOND CLASS RETURN TICKETS between all Stations, Issued on and After TUESDAY, 20th instant, will be available for Return on any day up to, and including, TUESDAY, 3rd January next.

HENRY CONDER,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 7th December 1870.

MAJOR-GENERAL FRANK ADAMS, Deceased. Pursuant to Act of Parliament 22nd and 23rd Vict., Cap. 35, entitled, "An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees," NOTICE is hereby given, that ALL CREDITORS and OTHER PERSONS having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS against or upon the Estate of FRANK ADAMS, late of Mhow, in the Bombay Presidency, East Indies, and of Cheltenham, in the County of Surrey, a Major-General in Her Majesty's Army, deceased, (who died on the 19th day of September 1869, and whose Will was proved in the Principal Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate on the 8th Day of December 1869 by ARTHUR ROBARTS ADAMS, of No. 7, King's Bench Walk, Temple, in the City of London, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, the Executor therein named), are requested to send particulars, in writing, of their respective Debts, Claims, or Demands to the said Arthur Robarts Adams, at No. 7, King's Bench Walk, aforesaid, on or before the 1st Day of March next, after which time the said Executor will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said deceased among the Parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which he shall then have had Notice, and that the said Executor will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof so distributed to any Person or Persons, of whose Debt, Claim, or Demand he shall not then have had Notice.—Dated this Day of November 1870.

THOS. AUGUSTUS WRIGHT,
Ironmonger's Hall, Fenchurch Street, Solicitor for the Executor.

BOMBAY RECLAMATION COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—A DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS of Rs. 75 per SHARE will be MADE to the Registered Shareholders on the production of Share Certificates on and after FRIDAY next the 4th instant.

J. G. SMITH,
For Self and Co-Liquidators.

Elphinstone Circle, 2nd December 1870.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

At a large MEETING of POLICYHOLDERS of the ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY and its ASSOCIATED OFFICES to-day, Mr. JAMES THOMSON in the Chair, the following RESOLUTIONS were adopted:—

1. "That the Policyholders approve and accept the scheme of reconstruction prepared by the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company, and now published, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient, and be sanctioned by the Court of Chancery."

2. "That this Meeting earnestly impress upon the Policyholders the importance of sending in their individual assents to the scheme as speedily as possible, so as to strengthen the hands of the Committee in carrying the same into effect."—*Times*, 26th April 1870.

3. "That the Policyholders consider it desirable and agree to pay the premiums due on their respective Policies to an account to be opened at the Bank of England and the Agra Bank, Limited, in the name of Messrs. Thomson, Bonar and Mayor-General Cunningham, three of the Members of the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company; the premiums to be returned, in case the Scheme of Reconstruction should not be carried out, without deduction of any kind."—*Times*, 26th April 1870.

The AGRA BANK, Limited, is PREPARED to RECEIVE PREMIA on Policies in the above Company, in terms of the foregoing Resolutions.

EDWARD MORRISS,
Manager, Bombay Branch.

Bombay, 1st June 1870.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited).

The following are the DATES of SAILING of this Company's Steamers:—

FROM CALCUTTA.

For CHITTAGONG and AKYAB, 9th and 23rd December 1870, and 6th and 20th January 1871.

For AKYAB, RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 14th and 28th December 1870, and 11th and 25th January 1871.

For RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 7th and 21st December 1870 and 4th, 7th, 8th January 1871.

For STRAITS, calling at Rangoon and Moulmein, 7th December 1870, and 5th January 1871.

For PORT BLAIR and CAMORTA, 23rd December 1870, and 20th January 1871.

For ARAKAN, calling at Gopaulpore, Bimlipatam, Vizagapatam, Coconada, Madras, Negapatam, Galle, Colombo, Tuticorin, Cochin, or Narrakel, (and, weather permitting, Beypore, Calicut, Cannanore, and Mangalore) 14th and 28th December 1870, and 11th and 24th January 1871.

FROM BOMBAY.

For CALCUTTA, calling at the same ports as the Steamers from Calcutta for Bombay, 6th and 20th December 1870, and 3rd, 17th and 31st January 1871.

For KURRACHEE, 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th December 1870 and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th January 1871.

For PERSIAN GULF, calling at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah, and carrying Passengers and Cargo for Bagdad, 12th and 26th December 1870, and 9th and 23rd January 1871.

FROM MADRAS.

For RANGOON, calling at Masulipatam, Coconada, Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam, 3rd and 31st December 1870, and 28th January 1871.

Managing Agents.....Messrs. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE and Co., Calcutta.
Agents at Bombay.....Messrs. WILLIAM NICOL and Co.
„ Madras .....Messrs. BINNY & Co.

THOMSON and COMPANY. CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS, Opposite the Secretariate, 22, APOLLO STREET, BOMBAY, BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT. MAZAGON.

PRESCRIPTIONS.

Every care and attention is given to this Department of our business, and being under our personal superintendence, Physicians and Patients may rely on all articles being supplied of the best quality, and prepared with exactness and uniformity.

MEDICINE CHESTS IN GREAT VARIETY.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS CAREFULLY REFILLED.

Messrs. Thomson & Co. devote particular attention to Ships' Medicine Chests, and will, at any time, send on Board a competent party to have the Chest examined, free of charge.

PATENT MEDICINES.

Hair Brushes.	Flesh Gloves.
Nail Brushes.	Chest Expanders.
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Combs.	Violet Powder.
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CHAMPAGNES, &c.,

now coming forward, will reluctantly compel us to advance our quotations as soon as our Stock, obtained at the Old Rates, is exhausted.

We therefore beg to notify to our Constituents that we cannot undertake to supply French Wines, &c., at our present quotations for any length of time.

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Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, November 1870.

P. GRANT and SON, SADDLERS, &c., have commenced business again at No. 9 Hummum Street, where all orders will be attended to.

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Having secured the services of a Foreman Saddler from one of the first Houses in London, they are prepared to execute all Orders with which they may be favoured, carefully and promptly.

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Messrs. JEWANJEE & Co. beg to intimate that their FIRST CLASS TIFFIN and BILLIARD ROOMS in the commodious premises at the corner of Meadow Street and Hummum Street are open daily, and that Hot-chops, Steaks, and Oysters, &c., &c., are served up in a superior style, at a minute's notice.

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A First class selection of WINES, SPIRITS, and BEER, &c.

JEWANJEE & Co.

THE CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN.

JEEWANJEE & Co., the Proprietors of the CHOWK HOTEL, MATHERAN, in thanking Visitors for the very liberal patronage extended to the Hotel in former seasons, beg to intimate that they have now RE-OPENED the Hotel.

The Chowk Hotel is the highest bungalow on Matheran Hill, and is therefore well exposed to the breeze. There is a large Verandah, from which a fine view is very extensive and pleasing, and also an excellent Billiard Table. Attached to the Hotel is a fine range of Bedrooms, and the furnishing and thorough cleanliness maintained will, the Proprietors hope, continue to secure the comfort of Visitors and afford satisfaction. Care is taken to keep on stock a good supply of Wines, Spirits, &c., of the first quality.

Terms as before, Rs. 6 per day.

JEEWANJEE & Co.

BYCULLA REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

JEWANJEE AND COMPANY, Proprietors of the Byculla Hotel, beg to intimate that they have now OPENED a REFRESHMENT ROOM, in connection with their Billiard Room, adjoining the Byculla Railway Station, where Steaks, Chops, and other Refreshments can be had at any hour of reasonable notice. Care will be taken to serve only first class meals, and excellent arrangements have been made for cooking at a moment's notice, by means of a patent stove just received from Europe, any dish in the bill of fare.

Private Rooms have been expressly built for the accommodation of Visitors, in connection with the Billiard Room, which has been refitted, and in which there are now four first-class Billiard Tables, brilliantly lighted with Gas.

Wines and Spirits and American Drinks of every description can be had at the bar of the Billiard Rooms.

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(BY JEWANJEE & Co.,)

AT THE

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(Within 5 minutes walk of Byculla and Tardeo Railway Stations.)

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET week.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nominal value per sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	3 p.ct.	Agra Bank	95
22,000	1,000	all	9 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,450
10,000	500	all	8 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	607½
10,000	500	100	6 do.	Ditto 2nd Res. Issue	597½
5,250	1,000	all	12 p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,650
80,000	250	all	9 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	250
9,000	275	all	12 p.ct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	360
40,000	100	all	nil	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	150
37,000	250	125	9 p.ct.	National Bank of India	112
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	415

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	£18.9.0	5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	237
...	£20	109.1.5	do.	Do. New £20 shares	120½
...	£ 6	43.10.2	do.	Do.	...
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
...	£15	196.5.1	do.	Do. New Shares	200

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 70	Colaba Land Co.	1,805
8,000	750	all	...	Prem Land & Pier Co. Ld	150
4,750	2,000	2,000	Nil	Mazagon Land	1,010
4,000	2,000	1,400	Nil	Port Canning	200

PRESS COMPANIES

150	5,000	2,850	250 p.a.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	2,375
200	1,000	1,100	175 do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	700
250	3,300	850	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.	400
150	12,000	11,500	200 do.	Apollo Press Co.	7,000
200	2,000	all	250 do.	Bombay Press Co.	2,275
200	500	all	66⅔ do.	Do. New	570
500	1,898	all	900 do.	Colaba Press Co.	2,300
350	7,500	all	...	East India Press Co.	2,500
150	9,500	all	1,000*	Fort Press Co.	9,250
300	2,000	1,800	...	Framji Cowasji Press	1,040
200	4,000	all	Nil.	Hydraulic Press Co.	2,375
200	5,000	1,500	150 pa.	Imperial Press Co.	1,300
1,000	1,000	2,000	120 p.	Kurrachee Press Co.	850
2,000	400	350	25 pa.	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	375
125	2,500	all	350*	Prince of Wales Press	2,400
220	2,000	770	75 pa.	Victoria Press, Madras	1,000
150	4,000	all	150 p.	Tinnevelly Press Co.	1,150
400	1,500	...	...	Carwar Company	600

*Per share for the half-year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	1,215
500	2,500	all	125 pa*	Alliance Spinning	2,450
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	5,000
700	1,000	all	25 ...	Bombay United	1,005
1670	150	150	...	Broach Mills	230
800	5,000	all	...	Dhurumsey Spinning	2,350
750	2,000	all	150 p.a.	Great Eastern	1,760
12,500	1,000	all	80 p.a	Manockji Petit's	1,080
800	2,500	all	80 p.a	Oriental	2,200
600	1,500	2,700	...	Royal	1,760

*Per share for the half-year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

...	2,500	1,500	75 pa	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	820
1,000	50	all	5 pc.	Mechanics' Fd'ry Co.	30
500	1,000	300	21 pa.	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	170
2,000	500	all	25 pa.	Treasher & Co.	400

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of Liquidation.			
...	500	75	Jan. '86	Bank of Bombay	29
...	5	19	...	Do. China	1
...	250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank	1
...	20	13	Feb. '67	East India Bank's	14
...	20	6¾	May '67	Indian Peninsula	21
...	20	6¾	May '67	Royal Bank	6

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

...	5,200	2,375	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	65
...	1,500	2,440	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.	10

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate
London	At sight	1s. 10 5/16d.
London Banks	6 months' sight	1s. 10 11/16d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 10½d.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	1s. 11d.
Calcutta	At sight	100
Do.	30 days' sight	100 par
Do.	60 days' sight	99½
Madras	At sight	99
Do.	30 days' sight	99½
China	60 Do. do.	225

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	114
Five per cent	106½
Four per cent	98
Four & half per cent. (Public Works Loan)	106½
Five per cent Debenture Loan 1865-67	103
15 years' Debenture Loans	103
10 years' do. do.	106
5 years' do. do.	103
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate	115
Do. Do. Market Rate	115

BANK OF BOMBAY.

Government Securities	4 per cent
Mercantile Bills	6 ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereign each	Rs.	10-6
Bank of England Notes	,,	10-4
Carolus	,,	...
Mexican Dollars	,,	220
Five-Franc Pieces	,,	203
Bar Silver	,,	106-1
Gold Leaf	,,	15-1
Bar Gold 10 ... English	,,	196
Australian Gold	,,	...

CALCUTTA.—9TH DECEMBER 1870.

The following transactions were reported :—

In Government Securities—

4 per cents. at Rs. 97-14, or 2-2 discount.

4½ per cents., small sums, at Rs. 106-10.

In shares—

National Bank shares, a good number, at Rs. 115 and 116, exclusive of dividend, and a few at Rs. 117.

Bank of Upper India shares, at Rs. 92.

East Indian Railway Stock, at Rs. 249 per £20.

Assam Tea Co.'s shares, at Rs. 200.

—*Englishman.*

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 12.

Duck, Vet. Surgeon, Bombay Royal Artillery, on duty, from Ahmednuggur.

Dent, Captain, Bombay 3rd (K. O.) Hussars, on leave, from Ahmednuggur.

Pim, Captain, Bombay 3rd (K. O.) Hussars, on leave, from Ahmednuggur.

Stephens, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal European Cavalry, to join, from England.

Broughton, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal Infantry, to join, from England.

Hay, Lieutenant, Bengal Staff Corps, to join, from England.

Strong, Captain, Bombay Staff Corps, from leave from England.

Bagot, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, from sick leave, from England.

Chalmers, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bengal Infantry, from sick leave, from England.

Mallaby, Major, Assistant Quarter Master, Bombay, from leave, from England.

Crawford, Major, Madras 24th Regiment, to join, from Malta.

Downing, Captain, Bengal Infantry, to rejoin, from England.

Macartney, Lieutenant, Bombay Royal Engineers, on duty, from England.

Hadaway, Inspector General, Madras British Medical Service, for home, from ——.

Slater, Captain, Bengal 2nd Seikh Infantry, to join, from leave, from England.

Fairlie, Major, Madras 1st Cavalry, to join, from leave, from England.

Finch, Lieutenant-Colonel, Bombay Royal Engineers, to join from sick leave, from England.

Palmer, Colonel, Bengal 2-60 Royal Rifles, on leave, from Seetapore.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 12.

Briggs, Lieutenant-Colonel, Staff Corps, on leave, to Kurrachee.

Withers, Captain, Staff Corps, on duty, to Dhoolia.

MADRAS ARMY ORDERS.

Head Quarters, Madras, 2nd December 1870.

Lieutenant A. W. Foot, Staff Corps, Adjutant 14th Native Infantry, is permitted, as a special case, to retain his appointment on promotion.

The following removals and appointments are ordered :—

Captain J. S. Stewart, on promotion, to General duty at Trichinopoly, with effect from the 9th December.

Captain J. H. Gordon, 2nd Wing Subaltern 23rd L. I, to officiate as 1st Wing Subaltern 23rd L. I., vice Steuart with effect from the 9th December.

Captain J. S. Gordon, from 2nd Wing Subaltern 23rd Light Infantry, to 1st Wing 23rd Light Infantry, with effect from the 20th December, vice Stephens.

Captain C. S. deL. Gostling, from "Attached" 23rd Light Infantry, to 2nd Wing Subaltern 23rd Light Infantry, with effect from 20th December, vice Stephens.

The remainder of the leave granted to Lieut. D. Cowie, 28th Brigade Royal Artillery, in G. O. C. C. dated 16th July 1870, page 230, is cancelled from 1st December 1870.

The undermentioned officers are directed to proceed and do duty at the Depot at Wellington until further orders :—

Captain J. Stevenson, Lieutenant J. Dunbar, 1st Battalion 21st Foot.

Captain Stevenson will join on the expiration of his present leave.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Jones, Staff Corps, 2nd in Command and Wing Officer 4th Native Infantry, having arrived at Madras from Europe, will proceed to Bellary and assume Command of the Right Wing of his Regiment on its arrival at that station.

Surgeon W. J. Bastee, in medical charge 25th Native Infantry, leave from 14th November 1870, or date of departure, for 6 months—Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and Neilgherries, private affairs, under 1868 Furlough Rules.

Head Quarters, Kamptee, 7th December.

The following removal is ordered :—

Lieut. W. G. Carr, from Officiating Quarter Master 9th Infantry, to "Attached" 9th Native Infantry, from date of relief by Lieut. Cooke.

The following orders are confirmed :—

... December 1870.—By the Officer Commanding 2nd ... Foot, appointing Lieutenant E. C. Browne, to act as Instructor of Musketry to the Battalion, vice Lieutenant Whitton, promoted ; and Lieut. J. N. Tew, as Assistant Instructor of Musketry, vice Lieut. Browne, with effect from the 3rd November 1870.

21st November 1870.—By the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, appointing 2nd Captain A. M. Rawlins, Staff Officer to the Royal Artillery, Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, from 21st November 1870.

Leave of absence :—

Infantry.—Brevet-Colonel G. Sturrock, Commandant 22nd Native Infantry, in extension for 10 days, to enable him to join.

21st Foot.—Assistant Surgeon J. R. Reilly, 1st Battalion, from 1st December 1870, or date of departure, for 2 months—Poonamallee and Madras, s. c.

45th Foot.—Lieut. W. Bridge, to England, via the next P. and O. steamer, on medical certificate, to appear before a Medical Board, embarking at Madras—Unfit to do duty with troops.

Cavalry General List.—Lieutenant C. M. A. Morant, "Attached" 1st Light Cavalry—Bombay, s. c., from 22nd November 1870, or date of departure.

BENGAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Calcutta Gazette*, December 7.)

Mr. Charles Edward Buckland, B. A., to be an Assistant to the Magistrate and Deputy Collector of Howrah.

Mr. William Napier Campbell, Extra Assistant Commissioner, to have charge of the Sub-division of Pachumba, during the absence, on special deputation, of Captain William Leycester Samuells, or until further orders.

Mr. Henry Beveley, M. A., to officiate as Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, during the absence, on leave, of Mr. Daniel James McNeile, or until further orders.

Mr. Robert Henry Wilson, B.A., Officiating Registrar of the Presidency District, to officiate, in addition to his present duties, as Registrar General of Assurances, Lower Provinces, during the absence, on deputation, of Mr Henry Beverley, or until further orders.

Mr. Dalhousie Weston Marsden to be an Assistant to the Magistrate and Collector of Cuttack.

Mr. J. D. F. Harvey, Officiating Sub-Registrar of Bhaugulpore, to be Special Sub-Registrar of Howrah and Scrampore.

Mr. H. O. King to be Special Sub-Registrar of Gya, but to continue to officiate as Registrar of the Behar District, until further orders.

Mr. A. H. Warde-Jones, Special Sub-Registrar of Gya, to be Special Sub-Registrar of Mozufferpore.

Mr. Charles Crawford Wood to be Special Sub-Registrar of Midnapore, but to continue to officiate as Extra Assistant Commissioner, Rajmehal, until further orders.

Mr. Walter Rattray to officiate as Special Sub-Registrar of Gya, during the absence, on deputation, of Mr H. O. King, or until further orders.

Mr. Reginald Porch to officiate temporarily as Magistrate and Collector of Burdwan, in the Second Grade, from the 3rd instant, in addition to his own duties as Officiating Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector of that District.

Mr. James William Taylor to be Sub-Registrar of Assurances of the Sub-District of Cuttack.

Mr. Charles Deslandes Church Winter, Assistant Magistrate and Deputy Collector, to have charge of the Sub-division of Kendraparah.

Lord Henry Ulick Browne, Commissioner of Chittagong, is allowed leave for a period not exceeding thirty days, to enable him to appear before the Standing Medical Committee at the Presidency.

Dr. Edmund John Hoskins to be Civil Assistant Surgeon of Ranchee.

Surgeon John Martin Coates, M.D., Superintendent of Jails, Hazareebaugh, to officiate as Civil Surgeon of that District, in addition to his own duties, during the absence, on leave, of Dr. Samuel Delprati, or until further orders.

Mr. Francis Jeffrey Dickens, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tirhoot, leave for six months, from the 15th January next.

Colonel F. P. Layard, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Second Grade, is posted to the Behar Circle.

Lieutenant N. Arnott, R. E., Assistant Engineer, Second Grade, is posted to the South Eastern Circle.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—13TH DECEMBER.

London	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d. p. ton
	Cases	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d. ,,
	Seeds	£1 5s. 0d. ,,
Liverpool	Iron Shipe Cotton	£1 11s. 3d. ,,
	Wooden Ships	£1 10s. 0d. ,,
	Myrabolms & Colr bdls	£0 7s. 6d. to £0 10s. 0d. ,,
	Seeds	£0 15s. 0d. ,,
Havre	Cotton	No ship loading
	Coffee	
Overland	Steamers	£2 10s. 0d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£3 5s. 0d.
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 6 to 7 per bale.
	Opium	Rs. 95 to 99 per chest.
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 3 per bale.
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 2 8 0 to 3 0 0 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 16 and Calcutta Port charges
Mauritius		8 annas to 10 p. bag nominal

ARRIVAL.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
12	Tapiee (s)	Morrison	Mandvie, Dec. 7.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
12	Meridian (s)	Hessman	Persian Gulf via Kurrachee.
	M. S. Elphinstone (s)	Radin	Coast and Goa.
	Pellipine	Nesodi	Porebunder.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—

Steamer Oreste, to Trieste.

Steamer Tapiee, to Cutch.

Ship Annie, to Rangoon.

Ship Gertrude, to Rangoon.

THE HOOGHLY.

ARRIVAL.

Dec.		
9	Pleiades	Pierce ..... Liverpool, Oct. 9.

MADRAS.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.		
8	Punjaub	..... Bombay.
9	Rajah of Cochin	..... London.

Passenger Sailed—Per s. s. Punjaub.—For Bombay—Rev. Mr. Rae.

DAILY IMPORTS.—12TH DECEMBER.

FROM LONDON.

Michael Angelo, 1 case carriage, Pelly & Co.

Paraguay (s), 32 cases printing types, John S. Elmore & Co. ; 7 cases oilmanstores, Sorabjee Framjee & Co. ; 1 case brass buttons, John S. Elmore & Co.

Brazilian (s), 3 cases cochineals, N. and B. Wadia & Co.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Burmah (s), 25 barrels fire-clay, Kimjee Jeewa ; 200 bales English flat iron, Tezpal Gopejee.

Brazilian (s), 6 cases harness, Cather, Palmer & Co. ; 3 cases marble monuments, George Wheatley & Co. ; 20 cases schoolslates, T. F. Punnett ; 12 bundles and 2 cases machinery, Ewart, Latham & Co. ; 12 packages machinery, Ardaser Framjee Moos.

Timash (s), 5 cases paper, Peel, Cassels & Co. ; 5 bundles sheet iron, Tyab Ally Esoofji Ally.

Wennington, 18 crates earthenware, Khan Mahomed Kanjee.

FROM SUEZ.

Ellora (s), 1 box silver and gold specie, H. M. Seedick ; 1 box gold sovereigns, H. Z. Abudin ; 5 boxes silver and gold dollars, A. M. Ebram ; 3 boxes gold and silver coins, M. M. Merico ; 1 box gold and silver coins, H. A Momed ; 1 box silver coins, Callianbhoy Gangjee ; 3 boxes gold and silver coins, Y. N. Momed.

Columbian (s), 1 case haberdashery, M. H. Callum.

DAILY EXPORTS.—12TH DECEMBER.

FOR LONDON.

Parana, 164 cases oilbaunm, Mooljeebhoy Jewraz ; 50 cases oilbaunm, Hasson Khan ; 500 bundles gall, Hunsraj Muljee ; 136 pieces E. teeth, Bawanjee Vullybhoy.

Saladin, 110 cases wine, Owen & Okell.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Paraguay (s), 100 bales cotton, Monoee Hurruckchund ; 100 bales cotton, Bhewrow Bhuggajee ; 20 bales cotton, Behren Brothers ; 125 bales gunny bags, Gaddum & Co. ; 32 bales cotton, Roychund Amlook ; 51 bales cotton, Jallchund Ramdyall ; 60 b les cotton, Gungaram Buldew ; 29 bales wool, Dyall Buttonej ; 49 bales cotton, Goculbhoy Moolchund ; 33 bales wool, W. Nicol & Co.

Historian (s), 24 bales cotton, Govindram Jaigopaldass ; 250 bales cotton, Ritchie, Steu rt & Co.

Caranja, 25 bales cotton, Veuichund Joitadass ; 120 bales cotton, Guneshdass Thackerdass ; 50 bales wool, K. Petamber.

Victoria Cross, 20 bales cotton, Geordharilall Futayehund ; 25 bales coir yarn, Cooverjee Madowjee ; 50 bales cotton, Cooverjee Madowjee ; 500 bales cotton, Ritchie, Steuart & Co.

Ellen Rates, 12 bales cotton, Virjlal Luckmon ; 34 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touchie & Co. ; 101 bales cotton, Bhawan Ramjee.

Balkunah, 125 bales cotton, Amerchund Soodiram ; 200 bales cotton, Guneshdass Thackerdass ; 45 bales cotton, Sewram Motha.

Gitana, 54 bales wool, Bhimjee Canjee ; 125 bales cotton, Bhewrow Bhuggajee.

Malta (s), 51 bales wool, Ruttonsey Nursey ; 40 bales wool, Ragoonath Madhowjee ; 57 bales cotton, Ghella Lalljee ; 26 bales cotton, Ragoonath Madhowjee ; 60 bales wool, Kessowjee Pitamber & Co.

FOR VENICE.

Oreste (s), 225 bales cotton, Remington & Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Malta (s), 100 bales cotton, Planque, Vinay & Co.

Oreste (s), 177 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co. ; 269 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS made at the Government Observatory, Colaba. Latitude—18° 53' 30" N., long. 4h. 51m. 16s. E. Height of Barometer above the Sea—37 feet. Mean daily values derived from 24 hourly observations on 10th December.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fah	29·985 in.
Temperature of the Air	78·3 ,,
Wet Bulb Thermometer	67·3 ,,
Dew Point	61·0 ,,
Relative Humidity of Air	·574 ,,
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8)	3·2 ,,
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9½ A.M.) on following day	87·4 ,,
Minimum do. do.	73·1 ,,
Gen. Direction of Wind—NE, NW, NNW, N.	
Movement in 24 hours	307 miles.

POSTAL NOTICES.

OVERLAND MAILS.

The Overland Mails per P. and O. Co.'s Steam Packets will, until further notice, leave Bombay on every Saturday at 5-30 P.M.

The Mails will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 P.M.

The after packets at 3 A.M.

After packet letters will not be forwarded unless an eight anna stamp is affixed to the letter in addition to the postage.

Registered letters will be received at the General Post Office until 1 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 1-30 P.M.

Late letters will be received at the Pier Post Office till 4-30 P.M.

POSTAGE BY THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The following Telegram has been received from Her Majesty's Post Master General, dated London, the 26th November 1870 :—

"British Packet from Alexandria on 25th December and thence forward will go to Brindisi instead of Marseilles. Single rate on letters for England will be reduced to one shilling from same date. No reduction on papers."

The mail referred to above as leaving Alexandria on the 25th December corresponds with that leaving Bombay on the 10th December, and letters sent thereby will be chargeable at the reduced rate of postage.

The Postage rates chargeable on Correspondence forwarded "via Brindisi," to the United Kingdom or places served through the United Kingdom, will be as follows :—

For the United Kingdom.

Each Letter per ½ ounce :—annas 8.

Each Newspaper per 4 ounces—annas 2, pie 8.

Each Book or Pattern Packet not exceeding one ounce—annas 2 ; not exceeding 2 ounces—annas 3, pie 4 ; not exceeding 4 ounces—annas 4, pie 8 ; every additional 4 ounces—annas 4, pie 8.

For places served through the United Kingdom.

Each Letter—8 pie per ½ ounce less than the published rate for a Letter sent via Marseilles.

Each Newspaper—8 pie per 4 ounces more than the published rate for a Newspaper sent via Marseilles.

Each packet of Books or Patterns—8 pie per 4 ounces more than the published rate for a packet sent via Marseilles.

The full prepayment of Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi is compulsory, and all covers not fully prepaid will, unless specially marked by the senders for transmission by any other route, and conforming to its conditions, be forwarded via Southampton.

CHINA MAILS.

The Post Office Packets for Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, and Hongkong, per P. & O. Company's steamer, will be closed on Thursday, December 22. (Packet will be closed at 9 A.M ; after packet at 10 A.M.)

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

The Post Office Packet for Australia, per P. & O. steamer, will be closed on Thursday, "December 22. (Packet will be closed at 9 A.M. ; after-packet at 10 A.M.)

MAILS TO MAURITIUS.

Letters, &c., for Mauritius, Reunion, &c., will be forwarded of the following date from Bombay to Aden, to be thence conveyed by the French Mail Packets to destinations :—

1st January 1871.

MAILS FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

[By the B. I. S. N. Co.'s Contract Steamers.]

Leave Bombay for Kurrachee on December 19.

Leave Bombay for Persian Gulf via Kurrachee on December 26.

DESPATCH OF INLAND MAILS FROM BOMBAY.

REVISED TABLE of the hours for closing the Inland Mails on and after the 1st December 187 , and until further notice.

MAILS.	Latest hours for posting. At General Post Office. Ordinary Letters & Papers.	At General Post Office. After Packet Letters.	At Branch Post Offices.
For Bengal, N. W. Provinces, Punjab, Central Provinces, Malwa, Berar, and for the following Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway—Wassind, Kussara, Egutpoora, Nassick, Mummar, Nandgaum, Chalisgaum ; and those from Bhoosawul to Jubbulpore and Bhoosawul to Nagpore	8-30 A.M.	9-30 A.M	8 A.M.
For all Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway as far as Bhoosawul only.	4 A.M.	.....	5 P.M. of previous day.
For the Post Towns on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, for Poona, Decean, S. M. Country, and Madras Presidency ; also for Ahmednuggur and Seroor	9 A.M.	10 A.M.	8 A.M.
For ditto on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Poona	12 NOON.	1 P.M.	11-30 A.M.
For ditto in Southern Concan, i. e., for Penn, Nagotna, Mhar, Khed, Dapoolee, and Ratnagherry	3-30 A.M.	4-30 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
	6 A.M.	.....	5 P.M of previous day.

Registered letters and banghy parcels for despatch by all Mails will be received, except on Sundays, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

THE WAR-TELEGRAMS

WILL BE ISSUED FROM THIS OFFICE TO-DAY AS SPECIAL EDITIONS IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

MARRIAGE.

ESSAI—HUTCHINSON—December 8th, at St. Andrew's Kirk, by the Rev. J. Paton, Mr. William John Essai, to Miss Annie Hutchinson.

BENGAL.

BIRTHS.

DEACON—December 4th, at Sylhet, the wife of Robert Deacon, Esq., Civil Assistant Surgeon, of a daughter.

MADGE—December 9th, at Calcutta, the wife of Walter Culley Madge, of a son.

DEATH.

VAILLANT—December 3rd, at Calcutta, Henry Edward, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Perceval Vaillant.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTHS.

PHILIPS—November 29th, at Bareilly, the wife of Mr. E. A. Phillips, of a son.

BROMHEAD—December 5th, at Agra, the wife of Lieutenant Sir B. Bromhead, Adjutant, 40th N. I., of a daughter.

GORDON—December 8th, at Landour, Mrs. Theo. Gordon, of a son.

SCULTHORPE—December 9th, at Agra, the wife of Mr. William Sculthorpe, of a daughter.

DEATH.

COX—November 16th, at Madhopoor, the wife of G. F. Cox, Sub-Engineer, and only daughter of Lieutenant R. Saunders.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittance, sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

All communications respecting advertisements should be addressed to the "Advertisement Department."

Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1870.

THE quarrel raised by Russia is none, the less dangerous, because its violent outbreak has been deferred. Russia has chosen her time for the audacious step she has taken with some sagacity, not because Metz had surrendered just before the circular was sent, but because both the Black Sea, the Sea of Azof, and the Baltic will shortly be more or less ice-bound. It was the approach of King Frost, not the fall of a fortress on the Moselle, which governed the choice of time. Under any circumstances deemed favourable for a revival of the Eastern Question, we may be sure that the opening blow would have been delivered in the autumn and not in the spring. That it was otherwise in 1853 does not affect our proposition, for at that time Russia had an immense army, in good order, a strong fleet, and Sebastopol. Now, she has an army, but armed with inferior weapons, no fleet and no Sebastopol to serve as a base of operations. Nor is it at all clear that she looks for aid from Germany or the Court of Prussia ; certainly she does not serve the cause of Prussia but rather makes a diversion in favour of France by her present policy. One of the grounds relied on by Prince Gortschakoff is "successive alterations in the treaties considered as the foundation of the balance of power." Now, these words cannot apply only or mainly to the union of Moldo-Wallachia under one sovereign ; they refer to the larger changes, the unification of Italy, the unification of Germany—to the many changes wrought by arms since that dawn of perpetual peace, the year 1851. It is the great strength acquired by Germany which, far more seriously than the creation of the Roumanian State, affects the political position of Russia ; and the rise of a powerful monarchy on her frontier, far different from comparatively weak Prussia, together with the fact that the said monarchy is at present unable to act in the Eastern Question, serves as a pretext for the long expected attack on the Treaty of 1856. The vulnerable point of that treaty is, no doubt, the neutralization of the Black Sea, condemned as illusory and a mere irritant in 1856 ; but the Russian bolt is aimed not only at that clause, it is aimed at the whole base of the treaty. We are likely to hear that in conference Russia demands the abrogation of the clauses forbidding her to fortify the Aland Islands and the harbour of Sebastopol, the restoration of her position as protector of Roumania and the Christian subjects of the Porte, and such a rectification of the frontier as will give her access to the banks of the Danube. Of course it is quite possible that the Prussian Court may have committed itself to some sort of promise that Russian policy in the East shall be supported ; but, whether that Court did so or not scarcely affects the question at a moment when Germany is engaged in an extensive war in the heart of France. Neither at this moment, nor, if the war ended next week, for many months, could the Prussian Court use German armies to further Russian interests ; since, when the war is over, the German troops will have to be sent home, and left at home for a long time, while the active army will have to be stationed close to the new frontier. Moreover, the opinion of German troops and of the public will have to be consulted and obeyed. It is only in a conference that Prussia—she will enter this conference as Prussia—can exert any influence on the Russian side. Out of the conference and in the field she will have to do what German interests dictate, and German interests are on all points antagonistic to an aggressive Russian policy. Hence we infer that, whatever line Prussia may take in the conference, the line of Germany is the line which the Emperor and Ministers of the German State will have to enforce.

Regarded from this point of view it will be seen that the opening of the Eastern Question is really a diversion in favour of France, because it augments the embarrassments of the German policy which the Court of Prussia has undertaken to direct. Already the timid are filled with apprehensions respecting the injury we may sustain from the weakened condition of France. Already the Orleanist and imperial and republican interests in England are actively stirring to provoke the British Government to take up arms on behalf of France. We are reminded that Russia would never have reopened the question had the Emperor Napoleon remained on the throne ; but the writers forget that he who was ready to sell our alliance for Belgium might have been equally ready to betray us in the East. Those who are working for an Orleans dynasty are equally prompt to urge a French alliance, while the lighter elements of public opinion driven hither and thither by the incidents of the day, those who neither look before nor after, are playing into the hands of all the intriguers. They all forget that Russia, above all States, has now no interest in a great reduction of French power. Before Germany was united, France was always a possible, nay probable, enemy, but after the unification of Germany, France became the possible, nay probable, ally of Russia ; and we may be certain that if Russia gives aid to France in the future, the aid will be bought at a high price. So far as England is concerned, while on very few points are her interests opposed to those of Germany, on many points they are opposed to the policy of France and Russia ; to the first notably in Egypt, to the second notably on the Bosphorus and in the Black Sea. Therefore we regard the revival of the Eastern Question as an act of direct hoistity to England and Austria, of indirect hostility to Germany, and as a serious embarrassment for the Prussian Court. The Russian calculation is that Russia must gain either the future alliance of France or the future alliance of Germany, and it depends on England which she will secure. If England is driven to support France, she will drive Germany reluctantly into the arms of Russia, and become herself merely an auxiliary working out of French policy. Better fight Russia single-handed in the spring, than adopt a course which would falsify our position in Europe and deprive us of our independent action abroad.

The despatch of Prince Gortschakoff is an admirable commentary on the boasted good understanding said to have been arrived at between England and Russia in regard to Central Asia. We never believed in the reported good understanding. It belonged to the same category and came from the same mint as the reported evacuation of Samarcand. If Russia will not observe solemn treaties, how foolish must those be who put any faith in verbal assurances ! Perhaps the most vain and futile policy ever initiated was that of coming to an understanding with Russia anent the Khanates, unless the project for neutralizing the broad border land should have the preference. Both show an utter disregard of facts, and of Russian if not of human nature. For Russian nature cannot escape the consequences of the position taken up, and we ought to know and recognize what those consequences are. In the first place she will undoubtedly consolidate and extend her dominion ; and in the next she will use her Central Asian position to divide our strength. In this very demand for the abrogation of the Black Sea clause, what are her objects ? One is, no doubt, to get rid of an irksome and irritating restraint. Another is to prepare means of action against the Turks. A third is to strengthen and develop her lines of communication with the Caspian, to place Odessa and the arsenals on the Boug in direct communication with Tiflis, Baku, and the eastern coast of the Caspian, and to be in a position to protect that line by armed force. Yet the apostles of the great neutralization and good understanding schemes, tell us that we ought to adopt in the Black Sea a policy of compromise and conciliation, and that we ought to do this on behalf of British Indian interests ! Could any advice be more short-sighted ? If you want to preserve the peace assist your probable foe in his efforts to prepare for war ; that is the new reading of an old maxim which our mild enthusiasts wish us to endorse ! If it were merely the gratification of her national pride that Russia demands, we might properly gratify so reasonable a feeling. But if it were not for the promotion of her ambition, or necessities if you like ; if it were not to increase her power of injuring Turkey, Persia, and the Central Asian people, would Russia be likely to make a stir and run the risk of war ? She does not want armed steamers in the Black Sea for the protection of peaceful commerce ; therefore she must want them to increase her military strength in Europe and Asia. Did we make war on her in order to augment or diminish her offensive power ? We did diminish it, and now are we to stultify the results of costly and bloody campaigns by giving back a large element of power taken away for the common good ? India is indirectly, but gravely interested in the maintenance of the Treaty, and certainly she is not interested in compromise and conciliation, euphemisms for complete and timid surrender.

THE "Pall Mall Gazette" has discovered that Count Bismarck adopted and did not invent the famous phrase that States could only be made by "blood and iron." He owed it to a German poet. Neither was he the first to talk about leaving Paris to stew in her own gravy. The application of the phrase to the French was made by Prince Metternich in 1830, in reply to a question whether Austria would interfere to save or restore Charles X. He said Europe had tried that policy once too often, that the Powers had learnt their lesson, and that the best plan was to leave the Parisians to "fry in their own fat."

LIEUT.-COL. J. A. FULLER, R.E., has been appointed temporarily as Chief Engineer, Presidency Division, in room of Major-General Tremenheere, who proceeded to Aden by the last mail to take charge of his new appointment at that station.

Do snakes hiss ? Dr. Fayrer, in continuing his experiments with snake poison, says, that on taking up a small *echis* or viper, it hissed loudly, as he thought at the time, but that he subsequently discovered that the sound was not hissing, but was caused by friction of the lateral scales. Is this the case with all snakes ?

WE learn from the "Jam-i-Jamshed" that H. H. the Rao of Cutch set apart about two lacs of rupees for the purpose of enterta

Mr. Ferguson—No doubt; but it was in consequence of that wrong that the goods were detained.

The Judge—Well, I cannot give these damages on this notice. If there had been an allegation of detention I might have given them, but there is no statement that you intended to ask for decree for Rs. 6,000 for detention.

Mr. Ferguson—We gave notice that we were to move for decree for want of a written statement and that must be for the whole amount.

The Judge—That would have been so if it had been clearly stated in the plaint that the cotton was detained, which it is not.

Mr. Ferguson—Well, we will give notice that we intend to apply for decree for the Rs. 6,000 as damages, and that will be as against Cursondass Madhowdass alone, for Brown has gone elsewhere, we know not where. I shall now ask your Lordship to make an order directing the Accountant General to give over the money now in his hands belonging to Cursondass Madhowdass and received for the cotton.

The Judge—You will better do that at the same time as you apply for the damages.

Mr. Ferguson—But it is losing interest, and that is really the important part of the motion. The affidavit states that Rs. 47,361 has been paid to the Accountant General, after deducting charges and commission, and there are his certificates for that amount. It is very important we should have that, for the interest might be running every day.

The Judge—It seems to have been paid to the Accountant General four months ago, and I think the plaintiff might have been more quick than he has been.

Mr. Ferguson—Perhaps your Lordship will give decree for that amount, and we will waive the Rs. 6,000, for in all probability we would never get that. The plaintiff justly says there may be a telegram saying that war has broken out in Europe, and Government paper will then go down.

Decree was then given for the money in the hands of the Accountant General, with costs and speedy execution.

INDIAN ITEMS.

THE Government, we understand, have already appointed a committee of Engineer officers to inquire into the cause of the accident to the Cheyar bridge. It will be seen from the remarks which appear in another column that Sir John Rennie long ago put his finger, as it were, on the weak point in the bridge. So far back as February 1865, Sir John said, "Before determining the depth to which these foundations should be sunk, it was necessary to ascertain the usual changes of the river; for unless the foundations were sunk below the actual depth of the river, which was changing, there could be no security." The all-important question then which the committee has to decide is, whether the foundations were or were not deep enough. There can be little doubt, we imagine, as to the conclusion they must arrive at.—*Madras Mail.*

NEW RIG FOR STEAMSHIPS.

(Mitchell's Maritime Register.)

CONSIDERING that steamships, as a rule, are merely jury-rigged, it speaks much for the national regard for an old system that no one has hitherto introduced some thing novel in this respect. We have over and over again denounced the present cumbrous rig, and we have recommended fewer blocks, ropes, masts, spars, and sail. The least encumbered steamers are, we believe, those plying to Ireland. They have two or three masts, which are bare poles, except when canvas is set. They can hoist a square sail on each mast, and also a trysail, so that, in steaming head on to the sea, there is very little surface exposed to resist the ship's progress by the action of the wind. From an engraving and description in another part of this week's Register, it will be seen that we have ventured to bring under notice an innovation in the rig of ocean-going steamships, though the principle is applicable to other vessels of a smaller size. There are steamers whose square foresails are set flying—that is to say, the yard is sent up from deck with the sail bent on; and others whose foresails are hauled up to a fixed yard. Small steamboats have nothing more than trysails, and a few have lugs. Where the lower masts are not too lofty, and there are no sliding topmasts, nothing can be superior to hoisting the yard and sail from deck; but the plan referred to aims at lessening the weight aloft and increasing the area of drawing canvas. For instance, there are barque-rigged steamers carrying double topsails. They have thus lower, two topsail, topgallant, and royal yards. Between the foot of every sail and the yard below there is an aperture through which the wind passes without adding to the propulsive power of the ship. These five yards on each mast require blocks, halyards, lifts, braces, and rigging to supply or support them. If a big lug sail could be set, and thus dispense with all these expensive parts of rig, it ought to drive a big ship equally as well as a fishing lugger. It is only a question of superficial feet, and the management of a sail. The common lug, however, could not be handled if it were made for the mast of a ship, and is to be worked in the ordinary manner.

The plan we have illustrated seeks to combine all properties in common. In yachts the foot of square sails may frequently be seen laced to a light spar. All our collier vessels have a boom to their fore course. The system referred to takes in all these planks, and improves upon them. The sails are set from the deck, but not flying; and the foot-ropes are laced to a roller. Instead of two upper and one lower mast, there is but one. On this mast a sail is hoisted which serves for course, topsail, topgallant, and royal. This sail is bent to a jackstay on a steel yard, but the yard is only hoisted when required, and may display any amount of canvass. A few feet, or fathoms or the whole sail, may be hoisted, as it rolled and unrolled to a roller inside of an iron tube, to which the foot-rope is attached. This lower yard, or roller, is secured to the mast, and by means of mechanical contrivances amidships the sail is wound round and furled. The mast, to carry such a sail, would have to be substantial and strongly stayed. Iron tubular masts and stout rope wire would accomplish this. It should be borne in mind that the strain at the head of the mast would be reduced in a relative proportion to the lowering of the sail. A close-reefed sail would necessarily be but a few feet above deck. There have been patents taken out for inner rollers and yardarm gear to revolve topsails at their foot and courses from their head, but this system has never met with success or approval. This plan, however, does not take its revolving apparatus up aloft. All that is needed is a shaft from the engine-room, geared on to an upright, taking a cross iron rod, giving motion at the yard-arms to a roller on which the foot of the sail is bent. What hand-power has failed to perform a steam-engine may effect. It is at times very difficult to make a descending yard revolve and reduce sail, even by the aid of a down-haul; and to rotate a yard at the foot of a topsail without its own weight of gravitation to assist, has been found hard work, enough to carry away the whole affair when a double winch has been applied. Near the bulwarks, however, it is possible to bring a ship's steam-power to bear, and with such a motive agency the roller is bound to turn round. This plan dispenses with rope, and introduces wire for the leaches. As the sail would be broad at the bottom and narrow at the top, one layer of leach rope would never rest on the other, and, therefore, in this respect it would not be wanted. To make such a lofty sail set to the wind, however, without twisting the upper yard and head round—for it would have that tendency—perhaps wire rope would be necessary to stiffen the leach. Provision, however, is made for braces both before and aft the upper yards. For lightness aloft, ease and simplicity in working, nothing could be superior to that of having one huge sail instead of so many. Being laced down tight at the foot, they would stand like a board. In bracing about, also they could be properly managed. Sails on this plan would be economical for steamships. When not set they would be protected from the smoke and weather inside of the lower yard or roller tube.

There may, however, be a few objections raised to this combination sail. For instance, if a squall came on, and the halyards were let go, the sail would come down, belly out on deck, and, perhaps, disable or knock overboard some of the crew. Next, if the sail split in a breeze, it would take some time to bend another one on to the revolving roller and set again. The sail would not clew up, and therefore the upper yard would have to come down on to the lower to allow the whole sale to be furled round the roller. The tubing case of the latter would have to be large enough to admit of a full sail of this description, for the canvas would not roll taut. In bending on to the upper yard, brails would have to be applied in windy weather, as, if the foot were laced and the head bent on, the sail would take command of the deck, unless controlled by gaskets or spun yarn. The universal idea is, that the higher the sail the nearer the wind. Royals will draw when topsails flap against the mast. The plan, however, does not refer to light winds, for, as it is remarked, a ship so rigged is supposed to steam when she cannot make five knots under canvass. Over five knots this sail would give spread enough, for it is merely to taper sufficiently to permit of the leach ropes not overlaying. If a master desires to give his sails a little belly, all he has to do is to ease off the lifts and halyards. There would be no reefing from the head; and, as the upper yard is smaller than the lower, the canvas set in a gale equivalent to closereef topsail or storm staysail would not be very high above the bulwarks. We ought to bear in mind that this rig is to apply to steamers, and these should not be dependent on sail in bad weather. To unbend a large sail in heavy winds would, no doubt, require good seamanship, for it would have to be hauled off the roller on deck; but, to meet the case of a steamer breaking down, and having to rely on her sails, there is no reason why a storm trysail should not be provided for hoisting on an emergency. We offer these comments as first thoughts on the new rig, and invite our Nautical friends to criticise its merits. Our present engraving, we may mention, will be followed by a second, showing the other side of the ship under the proposed rig.

A SINGULAR CASE.

MR. FREDERICK DE BELLEW was summoned before J. B. Roberts, Esq., the magistrate of the Southern Police Division (Calcutta), to show cause, at the instance of MRS. Fairweather, why he should not be bound over to keep the peace, not only as regarded her, but as regarded all Her Majesty's subjects. Mr. Roberts, in addressing the defendant at the opening of the case, said he wished to explain to him the position in which he stood, and called the prosecutrix, Mrs. Fairweather, who deposed that she was about to proceed to Port Blair, at which station her daughter, aged about 17 years, was engaged to be married to a gentleman residing there. Some acquaintance had existed between Miss Fairweather and the defendant; but to what extent, or whether the young lady had pledged herself in engagement to the defendant, the witness did not know. But the defendant insisted that the girl had promised to become his wife; and failing the fulfilment of that promise, he said he would follow her to Port Blair, and explain the circumstances to the gentleman to whom the young lady was about to be married. Mrs Fairweather further deposed that she apprehended violence at the hands of the defendant. He had proposed marriage to her daughter, but on account of his violent temper, she had refused the application, and had told the defendant that her daughter was engaged of her own knowledge. The witness does not know that her daughter ever accepted his overtures, but deposes that she (witness) refused to receive his offer, and stated that her daughter was engaged. So far as hearsay goes, her daughter tells her that she has never made any promise on the subject. The witness deposed that she was very much afraid of the defendant. She stated that she had received several letters from de Bellew, which Mr. Cockerell Smith, who appeared as the lady's legal adviser, put into Court, as exhibits in the case. (His Worship marked them A to G, and filed them in the case.) In continuation of her evidence, Mrs. Fairweather stated that it was her opinion that the defendant —not to put too fine a point upon it—wished to obtain possession of her daughter—that is, he wished to marry her. In answer to his Worship, the prosecutrix said that her daughter was 17 years of age, or would be on the 27th July, 1871. The young lady was in Court, and could answer for herself.

Here the defendant asked the prosecutrix if he had threatened to commit violence upon her person or her property. The lady answered, "No;" he (the defendant) had never, in so many words, threatened her; but from his manner and his actions, she dreaded violence at his hands, and hence the present application.

The defendant denied that he had ever, either verbally or in writing, made use of threats towards the prosecutor.

His Worship remarked that such a statement would hardly hold water. "The letters you have written are teeming with threats—not to speak of intimidation."

"I did not," said the defendant, "intend to hurt the young lady's feelings."

"Ah!" said Mr. Roberts, "the best thing we can do is to put the young lady in the box."

Miss Fairweather was accordingly called, and having been duly sworn, deposed as follows:—"I am about to proceed to Port Blair with my mother in the steamer Scotia, which will sail to-morrow morning. It is my intention, in so proceeding, to marry a gentleman who lives at that port. I go of my own free will; my mother has not in any way influenced my inclination." [His Worship here asked the witness if she had ever written letters to the defendant to the effect that she would become his wife. The young lady hesitated—stammered—seemed much put out by the enquiry; and finally left his Worship to say that he would not push the question, and remarked that from the way in which the evidence was given, it led the listeners to understand that circumstances had transpired which necessitated her to write a letter to the defendant, saying emphatically that she could not marry him]. "I shall," continued the young lady, "be 17 years of age on the 25th July next. The defendant has never said (here she smiled) anything to intimidate me. I am not a bit afraid of him. He has written letters containing strong language to my mother; but not to me. I am not under any apprehension of violence from defendant, nor do I fear him at all."

Here the defendant wished to put a question to Miss Fairweather, which the Court allowed.

He shaped it in this wise—"Do you think that I would, if proceeding as a passenger to Port Blair in the same steamer as you would sail in, do you or your mother any injury?"

The young lady made no answer to the question.

In defence the defendant stated that he had never offered, or intended to offer, violence either to Mrs. Fairweather or her daughter. He admitted that he had written the letter which his Worship had characterised as intimidating, but he certainly had no intention of offending either the one or other. Here a reference was made to an advertisement which had appeared in the *Indian Daily News*, regarding an elopement, with which, however, the defendant said he had no connection whatever. He deprecated any bad feeling on the subject, and said he left himself in the hands of the Court.

His Worship said that, so far as he could see, the actions of the defendant seemed to point to his going to Port Blair, with the view of annoying the young lady who had just left the box, her mother, and the gentleman she was about to marry. "I do not think," continued his Worship, "that such an intention should be carried out. You may seek (addressing the defendant) by all possible means to gain the affections of the young lady, and to persuade her natural guardian to give her over to your custody; but the means used must be reasonable. The man who seeks to attain any object, by less or more than reasonable means, is not entitled to any privilege. I hold that you have no business to proceed to Port Blair to-morrow, especially as you have advanced the purpose for which you will proceed. You are about to proceed upon a journey with a most wrongful intention. You shall add, if you are allowed to proceed upon that journey, insult to injury. For the express purpose of injuring the fair fame of a young girl, you seek a distant shore. I can hardly understand a more unmanly task—if task it be. In the exercise of magisterial functions, it appears to me a wise course to prevent you from proceeding on such a journey. You shall appear before me to-morrow at eleven o'clock"—

"But," said defendant, "the plaintiffs will be gone."

"Just so," said the magistrate; "that is exactly what I intended."

The defendant enquired whether Mrs. Fairweather can be asked a question. Being answered in the affirmative, Mrs. Fairweather, on being questioned, stated that the defendant had told her that he was desirous of proceeding to Port Blair for the purpose of explaining the position in which he (defendant) stood in regard to Miss Fairweather.

Here the defendant broke through the colloquy between Mrs. Fairweather and the magistrate. He said the gentleman who was about to marry Miss Fairweather, was an honorable and God-fearing man, and he wished to show him exactly how matters stood.

His Worship remarked that he could hardly see the force of the observations that he intended to press upon the gentleman's attention at Port Blair. "If you want to win a wife, win her; but it seems to me," said his Worship, emphatically, "a most extraordinary way to gain the esteem of any young lady. I postpone the case, under the circumstances I have already stated, till the 9th December" (to-day).

Defendant—Will your Worship allow me to find sureties to keep the peace, and allow me to proceed to Port Blair? I will take a deck passage, and keep aloof from Mrs. Fairweather and her daughter.

His Worship warned the defendant again that his proceedings were most unmanly. The way in which he was conducting himself was certainly not the way to gain a wife.

Here the defendant referred to the correspondence which had been put into Court, for the purpose of showing that the young lady had no animus against him.

His Worship remarked that but for a few months' difference in point of age, upon an occurrence which had been adverted to in the course of the investigation, the defendant might have stood before him charged with abduction. Whether or not, the law presumes that the prosecutrix and her daughter are equally entitled to protection—not only in their persons, but in their interests. It could not be for their interests that the defendant should proceed to Port Blair, and he (the magistrate) should certainly prevent him.

Mr. Cockerell Smith, the solicitor for the prosecutrix, here asked for a subpœna on a Mr. Chance.

The magistrate granted the application, returnable to-morrow (this day).

"Ah!" said the defendant, "but the plaintiffs won't be here."

"Exactly," said the magistrate, "that's just what I intended."

Miss Fairweather was here recalled, and said, in answer to his Worship, that she was proceeding to Port Blair of her own free will, and (with a little hesitation) had no wish that the defendant should interfere in her affairs at all.

Defendant—I shall not go to Port Blair at all, then. Your Worship will be good enough to give me a copy of the depositions, and I shall send a friend to Port Blair to explain matters to the gentleman whom the girl is about to marry.

His Worship said that, barring the last assertion, the only sensible observation the defendant had made all day he had made then. It was a wise course to adopt to avoid proceeding to Port Blair, and if the defendant studied his own interests and that of the young lady whom he professed to love and esteem, the plain sailing of the matter was that he should let well alone. His Worship adhered to his original judgment, and said that the necessary securities should be forthwith found.

The defendant here again expressed a wish to go to Port Blair.

His Worship said that it was folly to fall away from an arrangement he had proposed himself. Admitting that, on arrival at Port Blair, he could persuade the gentleman to whom Miss Fairweather was about to be married, to leave his engagement unfulfilled, would that be a feather in his (defendant's) cap, or was *that* the way to win a wife?

The magistrate then ordered the defendant to enter into the necessary recognizances.—*Indian Daily News*, Dec. 10.

BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

IN accordance with notice, the half-yearly meeting of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce took place on Thursday last (Dec. 8), the Hon'ble J. R. Bullen Smith in the chair. A large number of members were present. The Chairman opened the proceedings by reading the advertisement convening the meeting. He then submitted the half-yearly report for consideration, and observed, that the present report was rather meagre compared to the last one. This was owing, not to any want of zeal on their part, but to the limited number of subjects brought to their notice by the members and the public generally.

APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENT FOR INCOME-TAX.

In regard to the above, the Chairman observed that they had received several representations from members of the mercantile community, with reference to the mode which parties appealing against the Collector's assessment for income-tax were compelled to adopt; and being of opinion that there were good grounds for submitting the matter for the consideration of Government, they addressed the Commissioner of Revenue on the subject. They drew that officer's attention to the provisions of section 27 of the Income-tax Act, which required that every petition against the Collector's assessment should be accompanied by a copy of the petition, of the Collector's orders thereon, *and all other documents*, if any, *connected with the case*, and that the remonstrances received by them had special reference to the last requirement, all the more that the Collector absolutely refused to guarantee that the documents would be seen by himself only, or by the Judge of Appeal, or other responsible officer. Objections, the Chairman went on to say, had been strongly—and, as they believed, fairly—raised against the publicity to which a merchant's transactions might be exposed, and the freedom with which they might be discussed, among the employés of the departments through which the documents connected with the appeal might be required to pass. They therefore referred to the Commissioner on this point, and the result of the reference was satisfactory, as the Commissioner, pending the orders of the Board of Revenue, who subsequently confirmed his action, has ruled that all private documents connected with an appeal may be produced on the day of hearing, and that the person who appeals may be heard before the Collector or Commissioners with closed doors. The Collector or Commissioners shall hear the statement of the person, and may inspect any books or papers which he shall voluntarily tender, or question any witness whom he shall produce; but they shall not require any person to produce any books or proofs besides those which he may choose to tender.

PORT IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

The Chairman remarked that some of the suggestions made by the Committee on the Bill to appoint Commissioners for making improvements in the port of Calcutta had been acceded to; and they congratulate the Chamber that a Trust, the formation of which they have so long advocated, and which, they believe, will prove of incalculable advantage and benefit to the trade of Calcutta, is now actually in existence, and has commenced operations.

PROPOSED SYSTEM OF STREET TRAMWAYS.

The Chairman alluded to the scheme submitted to the Bengal Government by Mr. Franklin Prestage, and said that a well-organised system of street tramways [illegible] advantages. The Committee had an interview with Mr. Prestage, who carefully explained the general bearing of the proposed measure upon the passenger and merchandise traffic of the city; and they reported their concurrence in the view submitted by him to Government, with the exception of a partial change in the direction of one or two proposed lines, which were to lead into godowns. The Chairman thought that the scheme was well designed to give an impetus to trade, and to confer very appreciable advantages on the commercial operations of the port.

ENFACEMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROMISSORY NOTES.

The Chairman then introduced the next subject—enfacement of Government promissory notes for payment of interest in London, subject to the deduction of the income-tax. Allusion was made to a notification which appeared in the *Gazette of India* of May 28, and which runs as follows:—"Notice is hereby given, that henceforth all promissory notes of the Government of India, which shall be enfaced for payment of the interest thereon in London, by drafts on India, will be enfaced subject to the condition that the amount of any duties which may at any time be chargeable in India in respect of such interest shall be deducted therefrom, at the place where payment is made by a draft on India or otherwise, and a draft given for the balance only." The Committee, he went on to say, regarded this notification as one that would be attended with serious drawbacks, and materially interfere with that freedom of operations in Government Securities which it was the main object of the enfacement system to encourage; and they promptly addressed the Financial Department on the subject, and urged its reconsideration. But, he added, it will be seen from the correspondence that the notification was not intended to have that meaning which the Committee put upon it, and which it certainly seemed to wear, but was merely to ensure that, in the event of any new provision being at any future time introduced as regards the levy of a tax on dividends payable by the State, enfaced paper should occupy the same position as other securities.

REGISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT CURRENCY NOTES.

In regard to this subject, the Chairman said, in the course of business, many notes are received which turn out to be stolen notes; and as the Collector does not keep a register of currency notes passing through his office, their endeavours to trace such notes extend to that point only, and no further. The want of such a register baffled all their endeavours to trace the stolen notes to the parties by whom they were paid into the Collectorate; and therefore they recommended that the Collector should be authorised to keep a register of all notes received by him. The Committee's recommendation has been forwarded by the Currency Department to the Board of Revenue for disposal, but the result of the Board's consideration has not yet been communicated to the Chamber.

ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENCY.

The Chamber's last report referred to a proposed analysis by the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency of the currency employed in business transactions generally, and the following is the result of the Commissioner's inquiry. Of specie, the largest proportion is employed by Madras; the smallest, by Bombay. Of currency notes Calcutta uses the largest percentage; Madras, the smallest. And of bills of all kinds, drafts, hoondies, and such like, Calcutta employs the largest proportion, and Bombay the smallest. The Chairman then made some remarks on the currency, expressing his opinion that the time had come when the restriction of circles might be greatly modified, if not abolished, and also dwelt on the advisability of having a smaller note.

POSTAL CARDS.

On this subject a reference, the Chairman said, had been made to them by the Director-General of Post Offices, as to the advisability of introducing into this country those cards, which have for some time been in use on the Continent, and have more recently been tried in England. These cards, he (the Chairman) had no doubt, would form a cheap and convenient channel for advertisements and other communications; but as Government were not willing to give up any postal revenue, and stated that any loss accruing by the transmission of the cards, at a low rate must be recouped by raising the rate of postage on ordinary correspondence, the Committee came to the conclusion that, under such circumstances, their introduction would not be desired by the mercantile community.

The Chairman then alluded to a few subjects of minor importance.

It was carried unanimously that the report of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce for the half-year ended October 31, 1870, be passed.

Messrs. Tamvaco and Co., and Messrs. Ashburner and Co., were admitted as members of the Chamber.

—*Abridged from the Englishman.*

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF 1871.

THE public are already to some extent familiar with the announcement that the first of a series of annual International Exhibitions, under the direction of her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, is to take place in London next year. The preparations have made but little noise, and thus far only those parties who are in some way connected with the undertaking seem to be aware of the importance and extent of the enterprise, and of the vigour with which it is being carried out. Substantial and elegant buildings, designed for the purposes of the Exhibition, are now rapidly approaching completion, and in less than three months' time the reception of objects for exhibition will commence. The only cloud in the horizon is the present disastrous war on the Continent. It is a remarkable fact that the French entered into the idea of this Exhibition with great zest, and not satisfied with the space allotted them by the Commissioners, proceeded to build a supplementary gallery for themselves, the cost of which cannot prove less than £8,000. In several instances the countries which are going to exhibit desire more space than the Commissioners can possibly grant them. Not that we can strictly designate the capacity of the buildings as disproportionately small, when we remember that the character of this Exhibition will be both select and limited. The several articles will be submitted to competent judges, and an implied standard of merit is involved in their acceptance. This sifting process will somewhat reduce the mass, while enhancing the value and attractiveness of the Exhibition.

The buildings in question may be described as flanking the arcades of the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens, while a couple of wings communicate with the conservatory, whence there is direct communication with the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences. Other buildings, as at the southern extremity of the gardens, will subserve the purposes of the Exhibition, and the arrangements are such that the gardens and the hall will combine with the general plan, presenting altogether a very beautiful effect, differing from previous Exhibitions, and in some respects improving upon them. The internal appearance of the fine arts gallery is extremely chaste, and the effect is remarkably good. Competent judges have spoken highly of this portion of the building. Its structure it is fireproof, and this is the case generally. The wings connecting the galleries and arcades with the conservatory are in two storeys, the upper one having its arched roof and its sides of glass. Over the arcades will be a promenade, open to the air and commanding a beautiful view of the grounds, while at any moment the visitor can step into the adjacent gallery, stored with the trophies of art. The industrial specimens, we may observe, will occupy the ground floor.

One feature whereby the forthcoming Exhibition will be distinguished from its predecessors will be its arrangement of the objects according to classes and not according to nationalities. No prizes will be awarded, but certificates will be issued showing that the parties receiving them had the distinction of displaying their products at the Exhibition. No rent will be charged for space. The Commissioners will also provide large glass cases, stands, and fittings, steam and water power, and general shafting, free of cost to the exhibitors. Reports of each class of objects will be prepared immediately after the opening, and will be published before June 1, 1871. The articles received at this Exhibition will consist in the first place of objects classed under the general head of "fine arts." Here again a specialty presents itself, fine art being recognised in a Cashmere shawl or a Persian carpet, a sculptured picture-frame or a piece of furniture, as well as in productions having no relation to utility. The same design, moreover, may be represented both in fine arts and in manufactures, its claim in the former instance being that of beauty, and in the latter of cheapness, or novelty of material, or any other utilitarian property. The artist-workman will be able to exhibit a work of taste, as his own production, "and every manufacturer may distinguish himself as a patron of art by his alliance with the artistic talent of the country."

The first division of the Exhibition is devoted to the fine arts, including—as we have already intimated—articles of utility possessing an artistic character. There are seven classes in this division. Painting will include the various applications of that art, in oil, water-colour, distemper, wax, and enamel, and on glass, porcelain, &c., together with mosaics. Sculpture extends from statuary to modelling, carving, and chasing in marble stone, wood, terra cotta, metal, ivory, glass, precious stones, and any other possible material. The other classes comprehend engraving, lithography, photography; architectural designs, drawings, and models; tapestries, carpets, embroideries, shawls, lace, &c., shown not as manufactures, but for the fine art of their design in form or colour; designs for all kinds of decorative manufactures; copies of ancient or mediæval pictures, mosaics, and enamels; reproductions in plaster and ductile ivory, and electrotypes of ancient works of art.

What is termed the second division of the Exhibition will consist of manufactures, including also machinery and raw materials. The particular kind of manufactures —namely, pottery, woollen, and worsted fabrics, and educational works and appliances—included under this head in 1871, will not be repeated in subsequent Exhibitions until the whole series of manufactures has been gone through, occupying a cycle of, perhaps, seven years. But the fine art division will be open for representation every year, so that by uniting art to utility the manufacturer of any particular class of articles may always appear in the Exhibition. It is an avowed purpose on the part of the Commissioners to overcome as far as possible that "complete separation of artistic work from objects of utility" which is said to be so peculiarly the mark of modern times. In 1871 manufactures will include pottery of all kinds, whether earthenware, stoneware, porcelain or Parian, together with terra cottas used in building. Anything novel in the adaptation of raw materials, machinery, or processes, will be admissible. Another class in the same division, includes woollen and worsted fabrics, subject to the same extension in regard to materials, &c., as the pottery class. Still in the same division we find educational works and appliances. These will embrace designs and models for school buildings, with fittings and furniture; also books, maps, globes, instruments, toys, games, specimens and illustrations of modes of teaching, and specimens of work, as showing "results." To bring before the eye the actual results of education is obviously a somewhat difficult matter, and the present attempt is altogether novel. Still there is reason to hope that the effort will be successful, and, if so, it will possess a peculiar value. The third division in the Exhibition is appropriated to scientific inventions and new discoveries of all kinds, and this will be the case annually, the nature of the invention or discovery not being limited to the category of the other divisions. The fourth division is given up to the agreeable and popular department of horticulture. Here will be an international display (occurring every year) of new and rare plants, and of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and plants showing specialities of cultivation. As may be supposed, this division is under the control of the Royal Horticultural Society, and is a species of adjunct to the Exhibition as organised by the Commissioners.

The Hall of Arts and Sciences will also take its part in these proceedings, and, in fact, will present a very important feature. A considerable portion of the Exhibition will be held under its roof, and the Hall and the Exhibition will both be inaugurated on the 1st of May. The opening ceremony will doubtless be one of much splendour, and the hall will be a valuable auxiliary in many respects throughout the season. This remarkable edifice and its arrangements have recently been described at some length in our columns. One of the marvels of the building will be its gigantic and powerful organ. During the period of the Exhibition performances on this instrument are expected to be given by the most distinguished organists in Europe. The programme will also include performances by various military bands from the continent, presuming these elements in the "pomp and circumstance of war" are not unhappily detained amid the excitement of a campaign. We are also promised a series of evening performances by the Sacred Harmonic Society and by other musical institutions.

The outline which we have thus given of the approaching Exhibition will serve to give the public some idea of the character which that display will possess. Although not comparable in magnitude to the great Exhibitions of 1851 and 1862, this of 1871 will yet have a merit of its own, in the unity of its design and the excellence of its arrangements, combined with that element of attractiveness which is necessary to secure the general support of the public.—*Standard*, Nov. 15.

DR. NEWMAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TABLET."

SIR,—The lady to whom the letter, of which I append a copy, was addressed has not, I think, misinterpreted the writer's postscript, in wishing publicity to be given to this contradiction, not less opportune than explicit, of a report which has lately been quickened into more active circulation than ever. And let us hope that Dr. Newman's letter may reassure those, and they are not a few, whose enquiries after the truth have been checked by a revival of the old falsehood.

Allow me, sir, to beg a few prayers of your Catholic readers for the conversion of Dr. Newman's correspondent, and to subscribe myself,—Your obedient servant,

November 9, 1870. EX-PARSON.

[Copy.]

The Oratory, Nov. 3, 1870.

Dear Madam,—You have been quite right to ask me your question. And, in answer, I assure you that the report you speak of is utterly without foundation.

I have been a Catholic for 25 years, and through all that time the report has gone about, now subsiding and then reviving, that I am going to return to the Anglican Church; and I suppose it will go about till I die. And when I am dead, if you live till then, you will hear it asserted, as if on the best authority, that I died a Protestant, or, at least, not a Catholic. I have again and again publicly contradicted the report, but it has too tough a vitality to dread anything I may say to it. It defies me.

I advise you by all means to become a Catholic on one condition; viz., if you can say deliberately and from your heart: "I believe the Holy Catholic Roman Church to be the one and only Fold of Christ and Ark of Salvation; and I believe whatever she teaches, has taught, or shall teach, to be the Word of God committed by Our Lord to His Apostles in the beginning."

For myself, I have never had a single doubt on the subject, thank God, since I have been a Catholic; and never the slightest, however transient, wish to return to the Church of England, or regret at having left it. May God be as gracious to you.—Very truly yours,

JOHN H. NEWMAN.

P.S.—You are quite at liberty to make what use of this you please.

IT is believed on the Prussian side that the ground under Valerien is very heavily mined, and that there are subterranean galleries below the fortress leading into the city and out to the quarries on the plain outside and to other exits as yet secret. But no one as yet has seen the French mining those vomitoria.

AUSTRIA AND THE EASTERN QUESTION.

BERLIN, November 15.

RUSSIA has well chosen her time. After fourteen years of watchful quietude, she has suddenly brought forward pretensions which at any other time would have been met with indignant refusal. But she has seized the first favourable opportunity of advancing claims to immunity from the consequences of her last ambitious scheme; and at this moment but few Powers can possibly oppose her designs. At least one of the high contracting parties is seriously weakened; while the two strongest are not on the best terms. Austria, the most nearly concerned after Turkey, has scarcely begun to recover from the deadly attack of 1866; France is utterly prostrated; Italy has enough on her hands in reconciling the clerical and the popular parties within her new territory; while Prussia, with her whole energies engaged in crushing her life-long foe, has been bribed into silence by the passive attitude assumed by Russia at the beginning of the present war. There remain but England and Turkey. The interests of Turkey being deeply involved in the struggle, she may be expected to speak out strongly in self-defence. "What will they say in England?" is the question asked here by every one with whom we come into contact. But the question is asked only orally. The Berlin newspapers are strangely—I was about to say significantly—silent on the subject. They mostly dismiss the Russian despatch in a paragraph, as though it were of no moment whatever; and the only journal that I have yet seen which condescends to devote to the subject a short article, gratifies its readers with a contemptuous reference to the Neutral Powers concerned in the question.

The Vienna papers are far more explicit. They do not hesitate to express a strong opinion of what they term "the insolence" of the Russian pretensions. The despatch of Prince Gortschakoff was delivered by M. de Novikoff to Count Beust on the 9th inst., immediately before his departure for Munich; and the reply of Austria is not yet known here. The Vienna *Presse* explains that the allusion to the cases in which the treaty has been broken refer to the Prince of Wales's trip on board an English ship of war; to a similar expedition of the English ambassador, Sir Henry Bulwer; to the arrival of the Austrian fleet in Varna at the time of the Emperor's journey at the East; and to a certain expedition of the Sultan on a large man-of-war. Against this last breach of contract the Russian ambassador, Prince Labanoff, protested formally, but to no purpose.

Violent as the Vienna papers may protest against the pretensions of Russia, it is at Austria's direct invitation that those pretensions have been advanced. When the invitation was given, Austria must have been particularly anxious to secure the good will of her formidable neighbour. However that may be, the fact remains recorded in black on white. I have just referred to the document in question, which is dated January 1, 1867, and is addressed by Count Beust to Prince Metternich. The Reichskanzler points out to his ambassador that the then recent events in Candia seem to denote a lessening of the Sultan's power; and he proceeds to suggest that the principle of the assertion of nationalities, which has obtained recognition in Europe since 1856, must soon extend to the Christian populations of Turkey.

"The Conference of Paris"—so the Count proceeds—"has been constrained by the force of circumstances to bury in oblivion more than one of the important clauses of the Treaty of 1856. That Treaty gives the *coup de grace* to that other Treaty which maintained the separation of the Danubian Principalities, and authorised the establishment of an united political body. Thus, quite recently, and yet again at the fall of the Hospodar, the Conference has not been able to win respect for Treaties which it considers themselves with the nomination of any succeeding Government."

Count Beust then moots the important question, "si le moment n'est pas venu de proceder à une révision du Traité de Paris du 30 Mars 1856."

"It cannot be denied that the Treaty has not completely attained its object. As this Treaty was destined to terminate a war which the Porte and its allies had sustained with enormous sacrifices against Russia, it would appear necessary to introduce into it some restrictory clauses in relation to the free disposition of a party of the means of action which the last Power might, in a given case, direct against the Ottoman Empire. They felt so much the more disposed for this, as in all other respects (*pour tout le reste*) they intended to spare the Court of St. Petersburg from conditions too onerous. Thus she was in this respect treated with consideration; they demanded from her (Russia) only a cession of territory of little importance, and the price of the contest was summed up in the restrictions imposed on the movements of Russia on the side of Turkey. They hoped by this to guarantee Europe for a long time from the complications with which the Eastern question menaced it. While doing every justice to the motives which at this epoch dictated the determinations of Europe, we cannot conceal from ourselves that it is going against the nature of things to interdict to a State, of an extent and a population so immense, its liberty of conduct within the circle of its legitimate action. Such a prohibition was but little suited to turn aside in the long run the complications the avoidance of which they had at heart. All excessive compression results in provoking the expansion of the force compressed in another direction; and, at all events, in acting as they did, they rendered it difficult for the Russian Government to take up cheerfully (*de bon cœur*) her position in the European system (*concert*) newly established with regard to the affairs in the East."

In February of the same year, a circular was addressed by Count Beust "aux Missions Impériales," in which Russia, yielding to the pressure of circumstances, would desire, and would be able, to place once more on a warlike footing a naval force in proximity to the territory of Turkey."

After this plainly expressed invitation, it will not be possible for Austria, even if she should wish to do so, to oppose the proposal of Russia. Nor, as it would seem, need Russia apprehend any opposition from Prussia. It is said plainly in society, and it is even hinted in an anti-Governmental journal, that at the beginning of the campaign guns were lent by Russia to the Prussian Government. It is curious, to say the very least, that the empty compliment paid to the Royal Prince should exactly coincide with the sudden explosion of this formidable Russian bomb-shell. Besides, the Northern Bear was discreetly quiet when the war now raging was first declared; and his self-control at that time deserves to be now rewarded by similar abstinence from action at this moment. Official circles here are of opinion that it is explained on the assumption that she is anxious only to protect her commerce and her custom-house dues. It is maintained that in consequence of her authorised force being too small upon the Black Sea, an immense amount of smuggling is carried on all round the coast, and that the consequence is consequently suffers considerable injury. It is argued that, as the guaranteeing Powers sanctioned the union of the Danubian Principalities, in direct opposition to the letter of the Treaty, the Powers subscribing the Convention are morally bound in this case to exercise corresponding liberality in the interpretation of the Treaty by which Russia is specially restricted in her action. We read, in a telegram received this morning from Florence, that Italy will not offer any serious resistance to Russia's pretensions; and I fancy that the Continent generally is waiting to hear what people will say in England. —*Daily Telegraph.*

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH—WESTMINSTER, NOV. 17.

(Before Justices MELLOR, LUSH, and HANNEN.)

EX PARTE LORD AND LADY SANDYS AND THE HON. MISS SANDYS.

THIS was an extraordinary and painful case. It was an application on the part of Lord and Lady Sandys and the Hon. Cecil Sandys for a criminal information against a Mrs. Waters, the wife of a physician at Ombersley, in Worcestershire, near Lord Sandys' seat, for a libel upon Miss Sandys, imputing that she had had a child. The facts, as stated in the affidavits, were as follows:—In August last Lady Sandys, the mother of Lord Sandys, was staying at Ombersley, with her son and her daughter, the Hon. Cecil Sandys. During her stay there Miss Sandys became unwell, and a physician was sent for from Droitwich. It was suggested that this had irritated the defendant, Mrs. Waters, whose husband practised in the place, and had occasionally attended at the house. Shortly afterwards Lady Sandys received through the post a letter enclosed in an envelope, on which was written, "Picked up in the road." The letter contained these words:—"What a surprise you gave me about Miss Sandys! If a poor girl gets in the family way everybody talks about it, but I suspect that as she is such a lady nobody will dare to talk about her. Who is the new doctor they have got for the lady? Just like the great folks' cunning." This being an

THE WAR OF 1870.

(*Saturday Review*, Nov. 12.)

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This war has been remarkable, among other things, for the valuable contributions to its history afforded by Newspaper Correspondents, many of them men altogether unknown before. Some of these useful writers are undoubtedly gifted with special energy and quickness, essential qualities in their particular duty, which unfortunately lays on them the obligation of rapidity in writing, without the corresponding accuracy and thought for which no time is allowed them. In a few instances, however, this element of successful description has not been wanting, and conspicuous among them is the letter of the Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, who lately shared the seventy days of investment with the army of Bazaine. Of this gentleman it may perhaps be true that he rather had his greatness thrust upon him than was great by nature; but his narrative (published last Friday) is nevertheless, in our view, the most important single contribution to the history of the campaign yet published, if we except the ex-Emperor's late memoir. Indeed we might possibly have dispensed with the latter the better of the two; for the weight of what comes from a merely neutral observer of such events as those that lately passed within Metz it is difficult to overrate.

The Correspondent is not indeed wholly without some partisan feeling. It would have been impossible, as we imagine, for any person to have shared the daily intercourse of officers and civilians within the beleaguered lines, and not to have formed some special opinion as to the conduct and designs of the chief actor. We use his account therefore with care, as we do those French documents of Colonel Valcour and others which have been put forth to vehemently accuse or wholly excuse the conduct of the Marshal.

We traced this last week up to the period of the two great battles which shut him in. We showed how fatal was the error which led Bazaine to dally with the course of events upon the Moselle whilst MacMahon's flight exposed him to the certainty of being turned and cut off from Paris. But in his next proceedings there is almost as grave matter for censure as in this first capital mistake. Having thus delayed, he certainly could not help the attack made upon him on the 14th on the east bank, or the collision about Mars-la-Tour which followed two days later. Possibly indeed more diligence might have been used to get the head of the column forward on the 15th; but even if it had, it is quite clear from what followed, and from what is known of the German movements, that their northernmost divisions would have struck his columns somewhere in flank. Everything as yet understood clearly points to this as the alternative which Von Moltke would at the time have preferred; and Bazaine was in fact on the 14th so late in his departure, and had so badly cared for the means of passage over the Moselle, that it was no longer within his power to avoid the general action which the Germans were about to force on him. The fighting on the 16th was between the heads only of the columns, yet at this action of Mars-la-Tour the German loss was heavier by far in proportion to the numbers engaged than in the subsequent battle of the 18th. Bazaine maintained his ground for the time, and even advanced his right a little, though not able to clear his way there, whilst what had promised to be a success on his left was foiled by the desperate charges of the Prussian horse, which were purposely sacrificed to prevent their infantry from being overpowered.

It is now quite certain that Bazaine had under him at this time nominally over 200,000 men, including the reinforcements lately sent up from Chalons. Allowing for 20,000 sick and wounded in the two late actions, and 25,000 to be left to hold Metz, he could still dispose on the 17th of 160,000 men. Not more than 60,000 of these had been seriously engaged the day before. They had suffered nothing of the depression of defeat, and, although strategically outmanœuvred, officers and men at that moment regarded the day's proceedings as glorious, and their own side as the victors. The Germans could certainly not have brought more than half their army at the outside into action before late the next day. Their total strength in the district was a paper force of 330,000 men, reduced by casualties, and the actual necessity of leaving one corps on their communications eastward of Metz, to 270,000. Bazaine might therefore have resumed the offensive early on the 17th with a preponderance of force, which would have been on his side all the early part of the day, and with the impetus of a supposed success to back it—that element of good fighting so peculiarly essential to the French soldier—to carry on his men to their utmost efforts. Possibly—we admit it freely—he might have attacked only to be severely beaten. But it is clear now that he could not have suffered much more at the time, nor at all more in the end, than he did by adopting the very mistaken proceeding of falling back to fight a wholly defensive action within reach of the works of Metz. What has gone before will show the reader that the alleged want of ammunition (true, no doubt, of a part of the troops that fought on the 16th) was simply a official excuse for retiring to what the Marshal judged a safer position, from its own natural strength and its proximity to the works, to receive the enemy in. Two most material consequences followed this mistake. The veil at once fell from the eyes of his men, who found themselves henceforth half-imprisoned, struggling for liberty instead of striking for victory; and, in addition, every mile that he retired made easier the task which devolved on Von Moltke of following up the retreat, and wheeling the whole Second Army to the right, corps by corps, in order to front the enemy completely. The marches of the Guards and Saxons, for instance, who formed his extreme left, were diminished one half by this false move of his adversary, and it became possible [illegible] decided defeat in the [illegible] extremely doubtful whether the instant march northward from Metz, since spoken of, would have been of any service to them. It is quite true that the Saxon cavalry were all that [illegible] the road to Thionville early on the 17th; but to have started thither along the flank of the victorious Prussian general would have but brought Bazaine between a now practically superior force and the Belgian frontier, and, had he done this, it is probable enough he would have anticipated with his army the disaster of Sedan. But German critics of a high class believe that, had he marched due south that day, starting from the works above Metz on the Moselle, he would have got for the time clear of their army, which had suffered so heavily on that flank just before dark that it could not possibly have been fit to move early. On the other hand, it is clear he would have met the Fourth Corps returning from its movement toward Toul, and quite fresh for action, which lay just in his way on the left bank, while the First was similarly detached on the right; and it could only have been by promptly overwhelming one of these, before his rear was severely attacked, and driving it so clean into the river as not to allow it to fall back for support on the Crown Prince's army, that he could have carried the bulk of his troops away. The propriety of his undertaking this risk may have been somewhat doubtful, even supposing he had his troops sufficiently in hand; yet we agree with those who have asserted that a general of his higher order would certainly not have allowed himself tamely to be shut in, when the German army, in forming its line, had thus left an opening on its flank whereby to escape. More than this, it is very possible that in doing so such a general would have dealt the First Army, or right of Von Moltke's line, such a counter-stroke as would more than have atoned for the defeat of the day before, which, after all, was paid for heavily by the victors.

Instead of doing this, Bazaine sank into a state of perfect quiescence for eight days. This space was invaluable to the Germans, as it sufficed to give them the means of counter intrenching their army so strongly as not only to make egress from Metz difficult, but to enable the three corps forming their new Fourth Army to be withdrawn to occupy the line of the Meuse, and completely bar the rash attempt which MacMahon made to relieve his brother Marshal. The latter waited for his coming, and at his supposed approach attempted his one real sortie, that of the 31st of August, which opened the Prussian line eastward of Metz at the time. But this attack was so very poorly followed up that the enemy recovered easily at daybreak on the 1st the positions he had lost—so easily, that if we suppose Bazaine to be a competent general, we must believe that he doubted at the last the expediency of prosecuting the effort. It was, in fact, strategically so ill-directed that for the time its success would have carried him towards the Sarre, and left the First and Second Armies between his own and that of MacMahon which he had expected.

As to the later stages of the investment of Metz, when we examine the French accounts and those of the German Correspondents, and compare with them the interesting narrative in the *Manchester Guardian*, we find the most perfect agreement on one point. No sortie after the 1st September ever showed the least real design to break out of the German lines. That of the 7th October, the most important one, was conducted just on a scale [illegible] to draw the attention [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]